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Classified By: Political Counselor Ted Tanoue for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Deputy Political Chief received feedback on March 12 to reftel demarche from MFA Deputy Director Edward Iosiper who confirmed that, following careful examination across various GOR Ministries, there was no Romanian Civil Society or Democracy Programming directed for Iran. He did note that the U.S. demarche has generated within the Romanian Inter-Ministry Commission discussion about what types of programs Romania might want to do along these lines. Iosiper said that currently the discussion has been limited to offering possible fellowships for Iranian students--not exchanges--especially in the fields of political or social science and journalism. He said that the MFA would consult with the U.S. as the GOR develops a possible civil society program, which will probably be within an EU framework.  
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